

## REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending in the application. Claims 1-8 are rejected.

The present application claims find priority from Japanese application 11-153276 filed June 1, 1999. A certified copy of the priority document was filed concurrently with the filing of the present application.

Claims 1, 5, 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ellington, Jr. et al. in view of Kloth. Claims 2-4 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kloth and further in view of Ellington, Jr. et al. The Kloth reference has a U.S. filing date of September 21, 1999, whereas the present application claims priority from the Japanese application dated June 1, 1999.

To support applicants claim of foreign priority an English Language translation of the priority document is enclosed together with a statement verifying the accuracy of the translation. In view of the submission the rejection is overcome.

Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claim 8 has been clarified herein. It is respectfully requested the rejection been withdrawn.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

Any fee due with this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1290.

Respectfully submitted,

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